

REMARKS

Prior to examination, applicants respectfully request that this preliminary amendment be entered.

The drawings have been amended to correct obvious minor errors. It is respectfully submitted that the changes to the drawings do not add new matter. Formal drawings incorporating these changes also accompany this Amendment.

The specification has been amended in view of some of the proposed changes to the drawings. It is submitted that no new matter has been added.

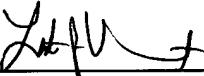
Claims 1-11 and 29 have been canceled without prejudice. The specification has been amended to claim priority.

If there are any charges not covered by any check submitted, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE DRAWINGS

Enclosed are photocopies of Figures 2, 4A, 4B, 4C, 10B, and 10C of the drawings with proposed changes indicated in red ink. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner approve the proposed changes. Applicants submit that the figures as amended correct obvious errors and do not add new matter.

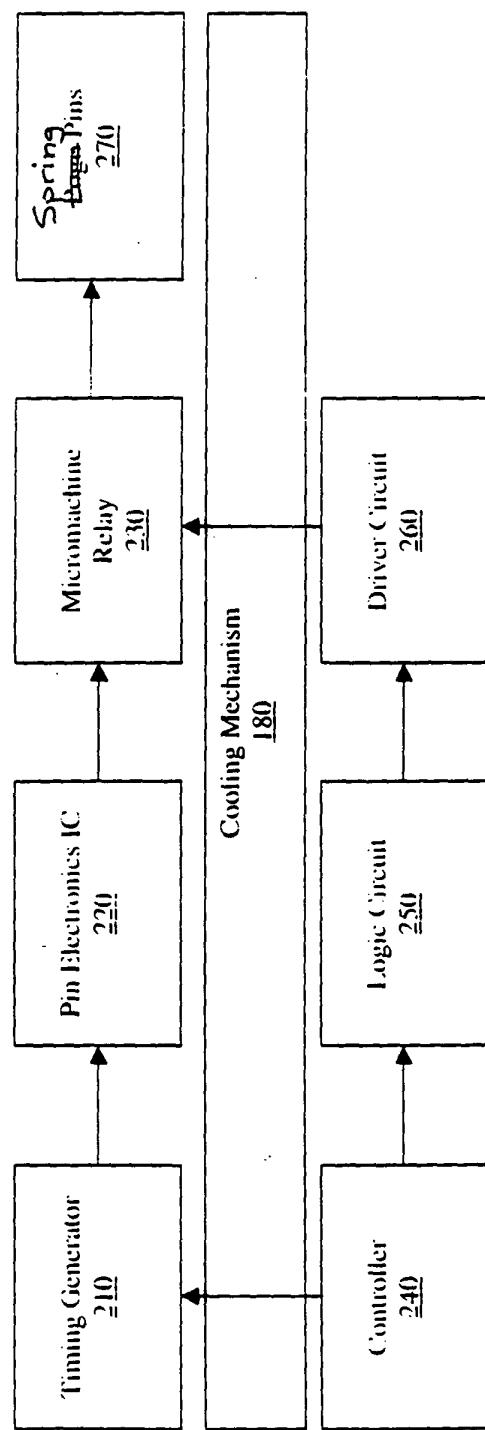


Fig. 2

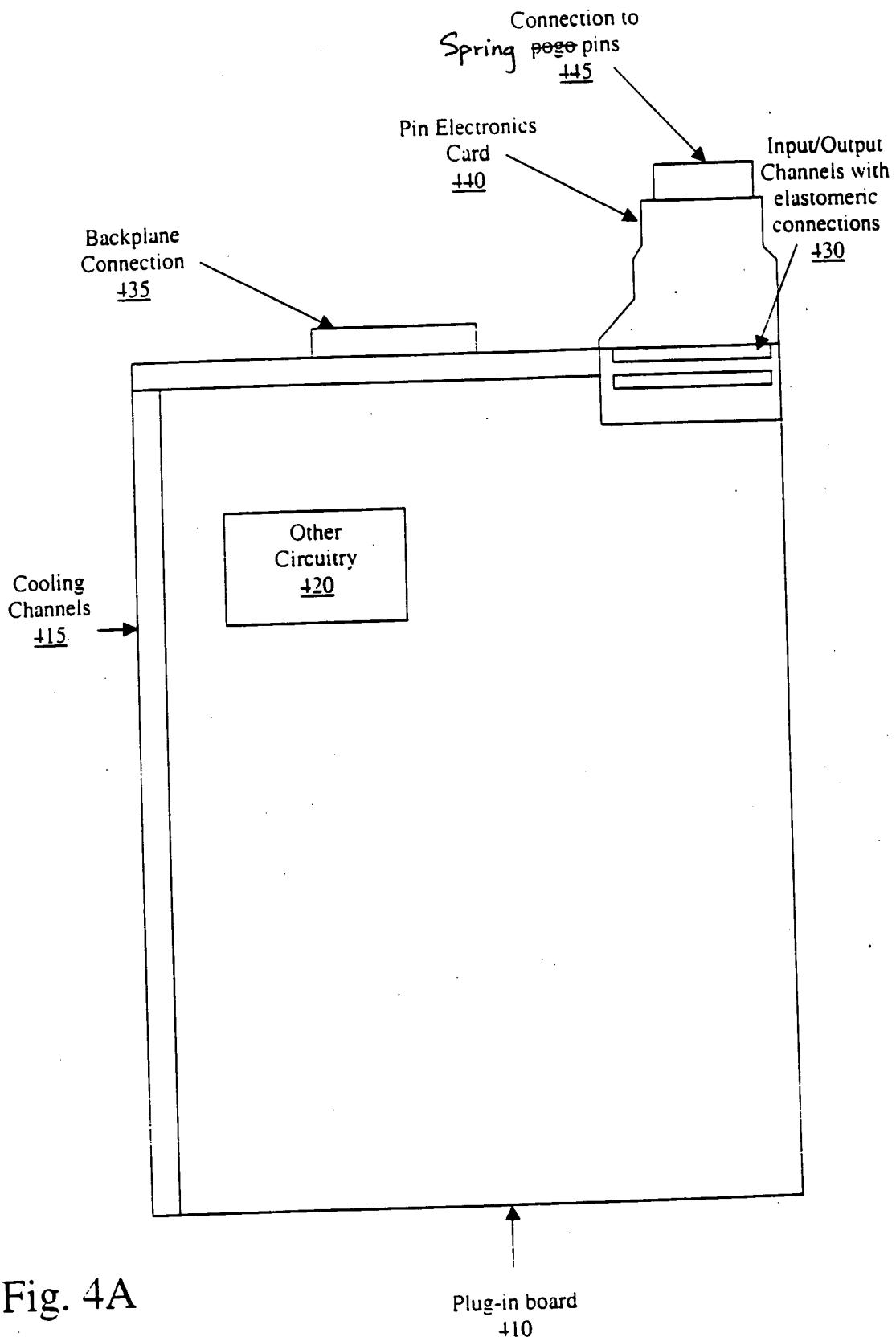


Fig. 4A

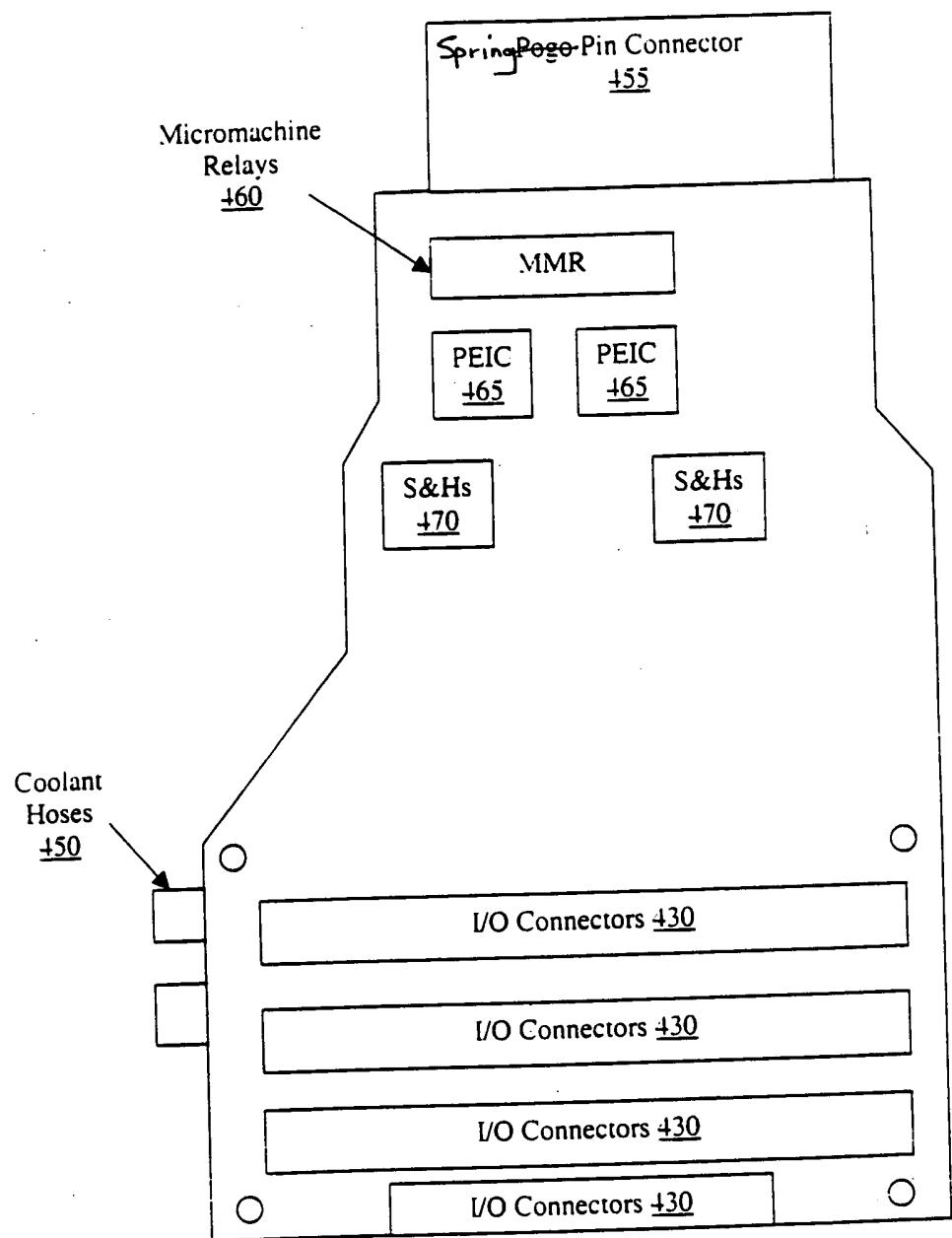


Fig. 4B

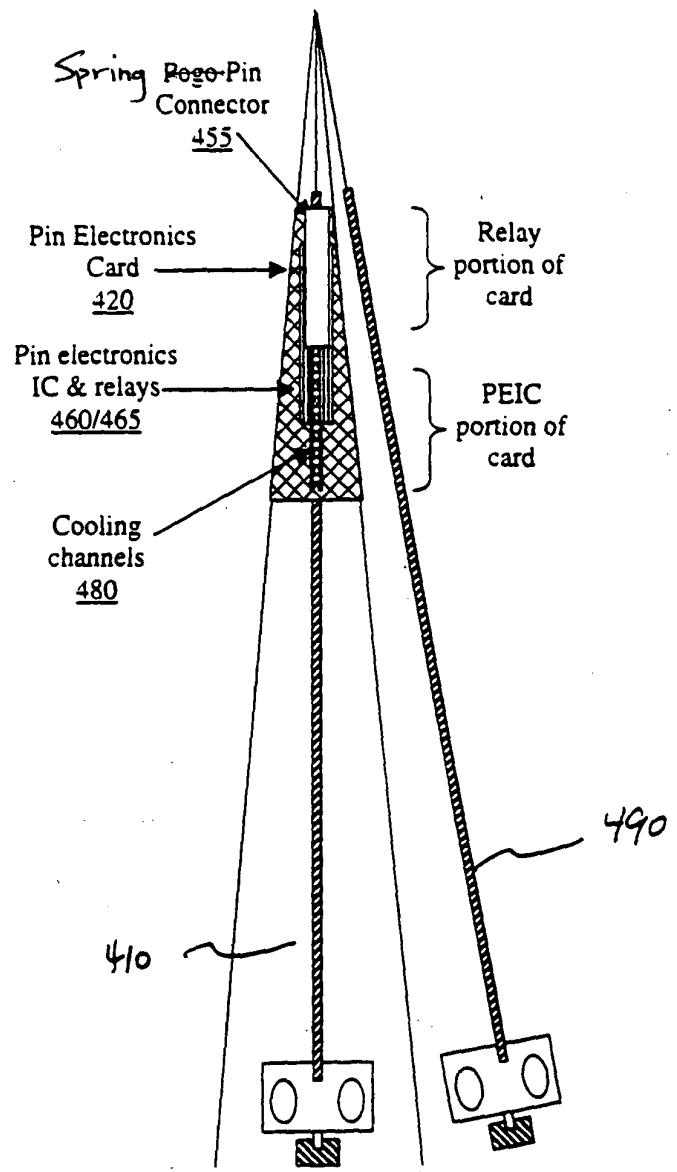
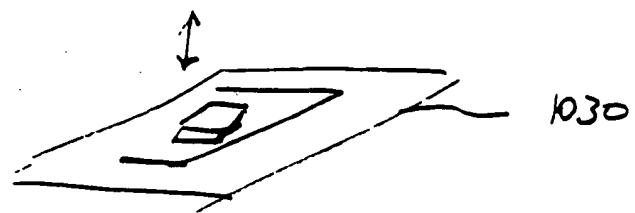
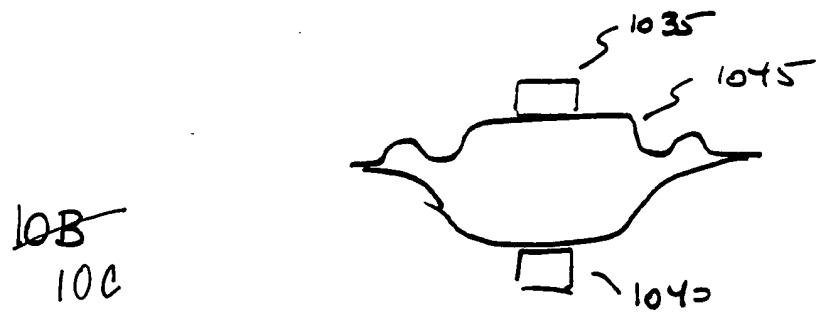


Fig. 4C



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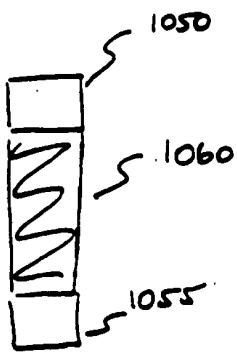


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